GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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REHABILITATION OF PLASTIC INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes on the anvil to rehabilitate the plastic industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and utilized for the purpose during the last five years and till date, State-wise;

(d) the details of various schemes to promote the use of recycled plastic initiated by the Government and the amount spent on such schemes to benefit and protect the environment during the last three years, State- wise;

(e) whether the Government propose to give additional support, both technical and financial, to the States for such schemes and programmes for promoting the production and use of recycled plastic; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, state-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA).

(a) to (f) : The domestic plastic industry has been growing at the rate of 14 to 15%, which is more than double the growth rate of GDP. The current consumption of plastics is over 4 million tonnes, of which the consumption recycled plastics is estimated to be over one million tonnes. Considering the high growth rate of plastics industry in the country, the need for framing a scheme to rehabilitate the industry is not felt. Therefore, no promotional scheme for technical as well as financial support has been formulated by the Government.